



Joint Task Force National Scout Jamboree

Commander's Welcome

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to Fort A.P. Hill and the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. From July 25th through August 3rd you will be supporting an expected 42,000 Boy Scouts and their adult leaders, and more than 270,000 visitors. In other words, you will be supporting what would be considered the seventh largest city in the Commonwealth of Virginia. To state the obvious, this is a huge responsibility.

This responsibility is one that I take very seriously and one that I have no doubt each of you will take just as serious. All of your pre-combat checks and inspections must be performed prior to arriving because you must arrive here on day one ready to perform your mission. Make sure your fellow Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, and civilians are also ready to perform. Each of us must live up to the Warrior Ethos: I will always place the mission first; I will never accept defeat; I will never quit; and I will never leave a fallen comrade. The Scout's motto is "Be prepared." Prepared we will be.

Having a safe and secure Jamboree for all involved is our goal. This is the first Jamboree since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Thus, we are in a new normal. There will be stringent security measures in place; however, your help is needed to ensure the safety of all. Everyone is a sensor. If you sense something is wrong, out of place, or just doesn't seem right report it immediately to your chain of command.

The theme for the 2005 Jamboree is, "On My Honor - Timeless Values." The Army embodies the seven Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless-service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. The Boy Scouts embody the Scout Laws of trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. I have every confidence that each of you will live up to these values and be good role models to the Scouts while we support them during the Jamboree.

During conversations and interaction with Scouts I encourage you to share your military experiences and, if you were a Boy Scout, your personal scouting experiences with them and explain how the two relate.

Military support of the Jamboree, which is provided under the provisions of public law and authorized by Congress, offers you an excellent mission-oriented training opportunity to sharpen your skills during this major operation providing logistics, security, public affairs, transportation, medical, firefighting, and communications support. I guarantee that you will find this experience both personally and professionally rewarding. Take full advantage of this great opportunity to train and make a positive impact on young people's lives.

HOOAH!

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